

GENERAL ELECTION VOTERS' GUIDE



**IDAHO VOTES!
EVERY VOTE COUNTS!**

REGISTRATION, VOTING AND ELECTION INFORMATION FOR THE IDAHO CITIZEN

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A Letter from the Secretary of State

Participation in the electoral process gives each of us an important voice in charting the direction of our government. Voting is a precondition for good government and therefore a major responsibility of good citizenship.

Historically, Idaho people have taken their voting franchise seriously. The strength and future of our system dictates that we continue to do so.

As Chief Election Officer of Idaho, I urge every qualified elector to study the issues and the candidates.

From an informed standpoint we may then cast our ballots for the good of our state and our nation. I sincerely hope the information contained here will help Idaho Citizens to register and VOTE.

Ben Ysursa,
Secretary of State

ELECTION CALENDAR FOR 2004

- Oct 8 Last day for elector to pre-register for the General Election
- Oct 27 Last day for the County Clerk to receive a mail-in application for an absentee ballot.
- Nov 1 In person voting at the absentee polling place ends at 5:00 p.m.
- Nov 2 Last day to return absentee ballots to the County Clerk by 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 2 General Election - 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Nov 3 Registration reopens

OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION

President of the United States
United States Senator
United States Representatives Districts 1 and 2
All Legislative Seats
County Commissioners - Districts 2 and 3
County Sheriff
County Prosecuting Attorney

(In some instances there may be other county officials up for election due to interim appointments to vacancies that may have occurred in the office.)

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- A Citizen of the United States;
- 18 years of age, or older;
- A resident in the state and in the county for thirty (30) days prior to Election Day.
- Registered as required by law.

REGISTRATION

1. With your County Clerk or official registrar up until 25 days (Oct. 8) preceding any election. Voters are required to provide their driver's license number when registering, or if they do not have a driver's license, provide the last four digits of their social security number.

2. Any elector may register by mail for any election if postmarked not later than 25 days (Oct. 8) prior to an election.

3. Any person who is eligible to vote may register on election day by appearing in person at the polling place for the precinct in which he/she maintains residence and:

- A. By completing a registration card.
- B. Making an oath in the form prescribed by the Secretary of State.
- C. Providing any document which contains a valid address in the precinct.
- D. Providing a photo ID card.

RE-REGISTRATION

Re-registration is required if registration is canceled for the following reasons:

1. The voter failed to vote at least once at any primary or general election during the four years following registration.
2. An elector changes his residence to another residence.
3. An elector has a name change.

WHERE TO VOTE

A polling place is selected for each election precinct by the Board of County Commissioners. Election notices are published in local newspapers naming the polling place for each election precinct, the date of election, and the hours during which the polls will be open. County Clerks also have this information. Every effort has been made to provide voters with disabilities with polling place accessibility, or when requested, absentee ballots.

ABSENTEE VOTING

Any registered voter may apply in writing to the County Clerk to receive an absentee ballot. The application must give the name of the elector, residence address in Idaho, and mailing address to which the ballot is to be forwarded. The mail-in application shall be signed personally by the applicant and be received by the County Clerk no later than the sixth day before the election (Oct. 27).

In person voting at the absentee elector's polling place ends at 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election (Nov. 1). The County Clerk must receive the absentee ballot not later than 8 p.m. the day of the election (Nov. 2) in order to be counted.

VOTER INFORMATION

For further information in regard to election procedures, contact your County Clerk or the Secretary of State. Your county clerk may be contacted at the county seat, as listed below:

County	Phone	County Seat	Zip Code
Ada	287-6860	Boise	83702
Adams	253-4561	Council	83612
Bannock	236-7334	Pocatello	83205
Bear Lake	945-2212	Paris	83261
Benewah	245-3212	St Maries	83861
Bingham	785-8040	Blackfoot	83221
Blaine	788-5505	Hailey	83333
Boise	392-4431	Idaho City	83631
Bonner	265-1432	Sandpoint	83864
Bonneville	529-1350	Idaho Falls	83402
Boundary	267-2242	Bonnors Ferry	83805
Butte	527-3021	Arco	83213
Camas	764-2242	Fairfield	83327
Canyon	454-7562	Caldwell	83605
Caribou	547-4324	Soda Springs	83276
Cassia	878-4367	Burley	83318
Clark	374-5304	Dubois	83423
Clearwater	476-5615	Orofino	83544
Custer	879-2360	Challis	83226
Elmore	587-2131	Mountain Home	83647
Franklin	852-1090	Preston	83263

Fremont	624-7332	St Anthony	83445
Gem	365-4561	Emmett	83617
Gooding	934-4841	Gooding	83330
Idaho	983-2751	Grangeville	83530
Jefferson	745-7756	Rigby	83442
Jerome	324-8811	Jerome	83338
Kootenai	446-1030	Coeur d'Alene	83816
Latah	882-8580	Moscow	83843
Lemhi	756-2815	Salmon	83467
Lewis	937-2661	Nez Perce	83543
Lincoln	886-7641	Shoshone	83352
Madison	356-3662	Rexburg	83440
Minidoka	436-9511	Rupert	83350
Nez Perce	799-3020	Lewiston	83501
Oneida	766-4116	Malad	83252
Owyhee	495-2421	Murphy	83650
Payette	642-6000	Payette	83661
Power	226-7611	American Falls	83211
Shoshone	752-1264	Wallace	83873
Teton	354-2905	Driggs	83422
Twin Falls	736-4004	Twin Falls	83303
Valley	382-7100	Cascade	83611
Washington	414-2092	Weiser	83672

VOTING SYSTEMS USED IN EACH COUNTY

Paper Ballot Counties

Adams	Camas	Lincoln
Bear Lake	Caribou	Owyhee
Benewah	Clark	Teton
Boise	Custer	Washington
Boundary	Idaho	
Butte	Lewis	

Punchcard Ballot Counties

Ada	Cassia	Minidoka
Bingham	Clearwater	Nez Perce
Blaine	Franklin	Payette
Bonneville	Jefferson	Shoshone
Canyon	Latah	

Arrow Optical Scan Ballot Counties

Jerome	Oneida	Twin Falls
Lemhi	Power	

Oval Optical Scan Ballot Counties

Bannock	Fremont	Kootenai
Bonner	Gem	Madison
Elmore	Gooding	Valley


Specific voting instructions for each voting system appears below.

PAPER VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Use **only the pencil provided** to mark your ballot.

To vote you must make an X in the box.

John Johnson	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mary Marks	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Bill Brown	<input type="checkbox"/>



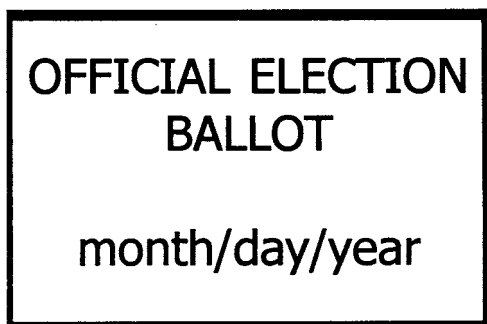
To write in a name, you must make an X in the box and write in the name of a valid write-in candidate on the line provided.

(write-in) Carey Carpenter ☒



You cannot vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and write in a candidate under the same office title. This is an overvote and neither vote will count.

Fold the voted ballot(s) so that the official stamp is visible and the face of the ballot is completely enclosed.

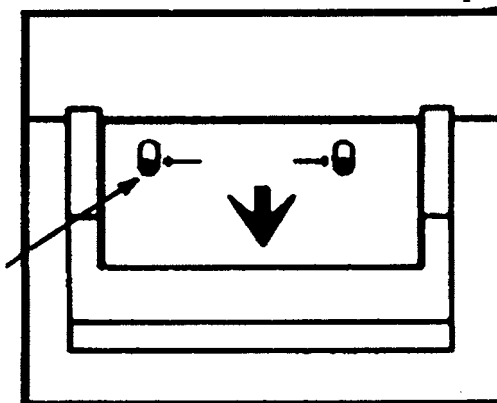
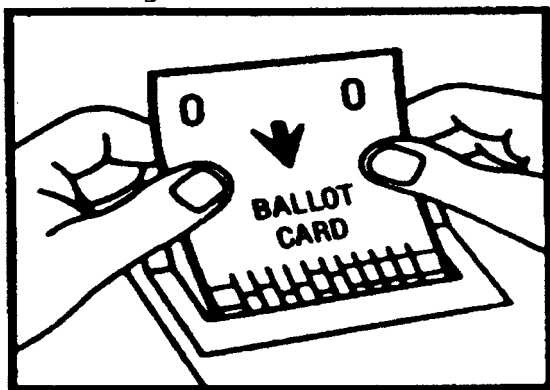


Return the voted ballot(s) to the Ballot Receiving Clerk.

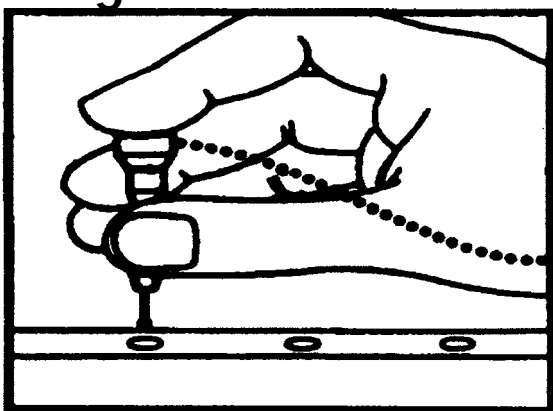
If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, another ballot can be issued by returning the spoiled one to the Election Clerk.

PUNCHCARD VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Step 1. Using both hands, insert the ballot card all the way into the voting unit. Be sure the two slots in the top stub of your ballot card fit down **over the two red pins**.



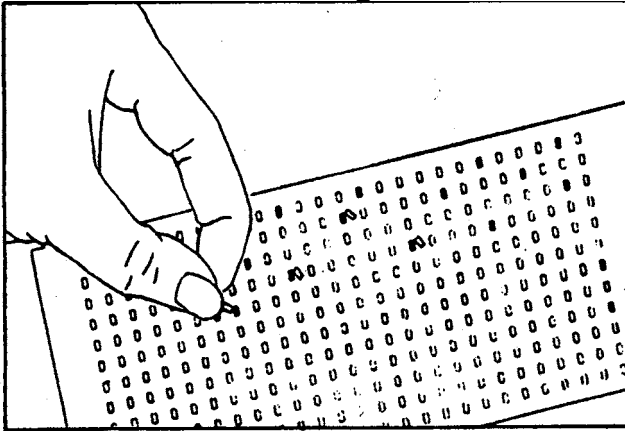
Step 2. Using the Official Ballot pages, find the voting number for your choice and punch that same number in the voting unit. Hold the punch device straight up and down when punching. **Do not use a pen or pencil on voting unit.**



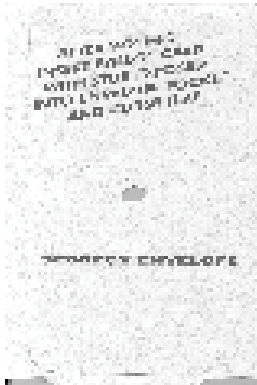
Step 3. To write in a name, you must write in the name of a valid write-in candidate and the office on the gray ballot envelope. **You cannot vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and write in a**

candidate under the same office title. This is an overvote and neither vote will count.

Step 4. After voting, withdraw the ballot card. Inspect it to be sure all holes are cleanly and completely punched out. **Remove any loose chads as illustrated.**



Step 5. Insert ballot card into gray ballot envelope and return to the Receiving Clerk.

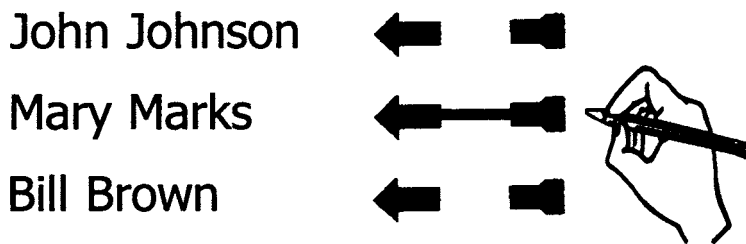


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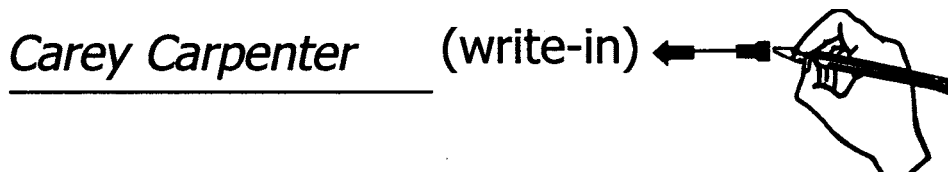
ARROW OPTICAL SCAN VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

Use **only the black marking pen provided** to mark your ballot.

To vote you must complete the arrow.

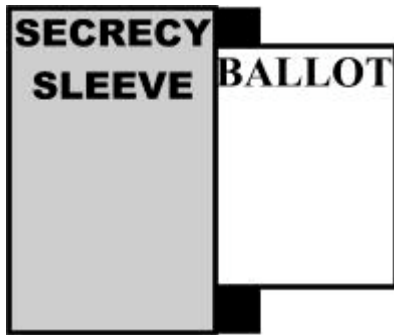


To write in a name, you must complete the arrow and write in the name of a valid write-in candidate on the line provided.



You cannot vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and write in a candidate under the same office title. This is an overvote and neither vote will count.

Place the ballot in the secrecy sleeve.



Return the ballot, in the secrecy sleeve, to the Ballot Receiving Clerk.

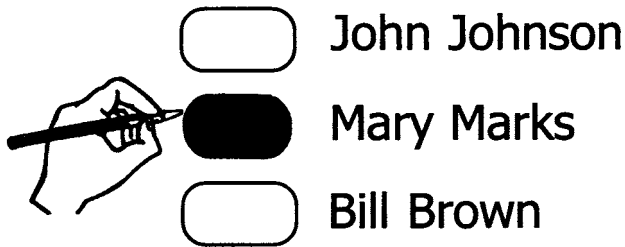
Do not attempt to erase or cross out a vote.

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OVAL OPTICAL SCAN VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

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To vote you must blacken the oval **completely!**

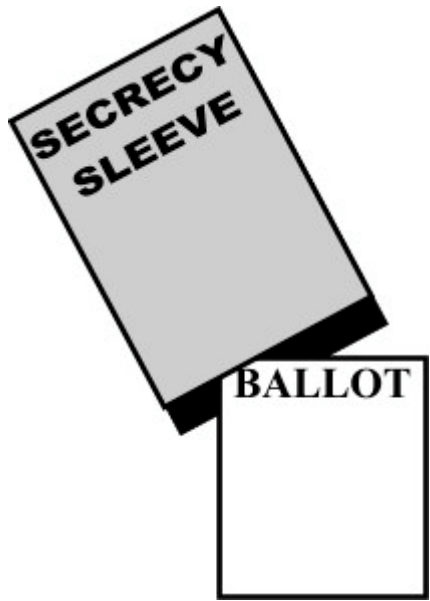


To write in a name, you must blacken the oval and write in the name of a valid write-in candidate on the line provided.



You cannot vote for a candidate whose name appears on the ballot and write in a candidate under the same office title. This is an overvote and neither vote will count.

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